

## **BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN**

**March 28, 2005**

**7:30 PM**

Mayor Baines called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll. There were thirteen Aldermen present.

Present: Aldermen Roy, Gatsas, Guinta, Sysyn, Osborne, Porter, O'Neil,  
Lopez, Shea, DeVries, Garrity, Smith and Forest

Absent: Alderman Thibault

Mayor Baines stated before I begin the meeting this evening I would like to announce that tomorrow night the Chamber of Commerce will be holding it's Annual Citizen of the Year Dinner hope many of you are able to attend as we recognize a citizen who has made substantial contributions in the community and I have the honor of knowing who it is and making the introduction and no you can't find out who it is.

- 3.** Presentation by representatives of the Peter J. Smith Company relative to a comprehensive City wide Parks Master Plan.

Mr. Ron Ludwig, Director of Parks, Recreation & Cemeteries Department, stated thank you, Mayor Baines. This isn't necessarily a formal presentation but more of a way of an introduction so we will be very brief. As you know the last time the Parks and Recreation Department and we were just that we weren't even the Cemetery Department at that time and it took a Master Plan Study or Update or Recovery Action Plan was back in 1992. Here we are in 2005, the time has come to look at all of our park facilities to determine what our needs are going forward, to address land opportunities and youth opportunities throughout the City. As you indicated in your presentation the City is growing very quickly, certain sections of the City particularly the southern tier have grown well beyond what we ever expected...there's a whole other community beyond Memorial High School that we all know exists right now. So, we were fortunate to be able to obtain the services of the firm Peter J. Smith Company who has some representatives are here with us tonight...they'll be taking

look at all of our facilities. Tomorrow we actually begin the process of inventorying all of our facilities, we will be giving them a tour...hopefully, most of the snow is being washed away and we'll be able to see some of our very nice facilities, we'll be able to see some of our very not so nice facilities, but it's all part of the process and they understand that. They'll be making recommendations and it's really kind of a timely thing and I think it's really important, it's an exciting time that we get to take a look at how we really are doing things and I'm sure we're doing some things right and I'm sure we're doing some things that are not right but that is what they're here to tell us. So, in six or seven months these are some of the faces that you're going to be seeing around different focus groups, we'll be breaking up into different sections of the City, we may be grouping wards together I don't think we'll be in each individual ward but we'll certainly take the west side as a unit, maybe east and south and there's about five sections and we'll work that out with the Planning Department in terms of what the best way to break up facilities is...they'll actually be canvassing people right in their homes for input in terms of what they like as well as organizations such as little leagues, etc. and they'll be finding out things we just haven't been able to get our arms around quickly enough. Women's ice hockey is right around the corner from what I hear so we're going to have to deal with those kinds of things and with that said I would like to introduce Eve Holberg who is with the firm Peter J. Smith who are here to say just a few words and also at the same time I'm going to let her because I'm not completely familiar with everyone on this team at this point. I did see them at the interview but since then this is really the first time I've caught up with them. So, I will let her introduce the two other gentlemen to my right and give you just a brief overview of what's going to happen over the next six or seven months. Probably ending in the time of late September or October...was to end around August but looks like that's not a good time to do a presentation to the Board and we felt that September or October would be a better timeframe, so with that I will turn it over to Eve.

Ms. Eve Holberg stated thank you very much. We're very excited to be here. Once again my name is Eve Holberg. I'm here from Peter J. Smith & Company of Buffalo, New York and with me is Paul Carabott, Landscape Architect and Urban Designer and Andrew Strauth, Landscape Architect who actually went to school with Chuck (DePrima) so the world is

getting to be a smaller and smaller place they just recognized one another this evening. We are kicking off our process tonight and we're very happy to be here to show our faces to you because we're going to be in your community a lot over the next six or seven months particularly starting next week as Andrew and his partner come back for on-site inventory. So, if you see us standing around looking up that means we're confused so stop and help us out with directions. Our process is starting tomorrow with a tour of your City but really we've been working for several weeks now behind the scenes back at our offices in Buffalo familiarizing ourselves with Manchester, getting to know...reviewing some of the materials that the department has sent to us, getting ourselves sort of up-to-speed looking at the demographics of the community bothering Chuck every day for more information, looking at getting your mapping so that we're really to hit the ground running tomorrow with our tour and then on Wednesday our public participation process really starts with our first steering committee meeting and that's when we'll set up the rest of the schedule for the entire process and look at what our focus groups are, we'll have public workshops as Ron said and looking at then the end of the process. What is the end of the process? Well, the end of the process we hope, we believe will be a plan, a living plan that you will be able to use going forward in time to serve the needs of Parks and Recreation needs of the community and also a manual to help staff keep up with the demands of maintaining all of your facilities and your equipment in an organized user-friendly way so that they'll be able to keep up with these demands. What needs painting this year? What needs maintaining this year? How do we keep that schedule rolling so that we always know what we have, what we're adding to it and when we're adding things and taking things out, when they're gone so that we know what our resources are and we know what our strategy is going forward. So, once again I'd just like to say thank you very much. We're very excited to be in the community and really if you see us on the street please stop and say hi.

Mayor Baines stated Chuck I want to congratulate you on your new job, congratulations. I must note that he's a West High School graduate.

Alderman Porter stated I would just like to make a point. I just want to point out and I understand that the company will be going to meet individuals in their homes as well. Just to

avoid confusion we should probably get enough publicity in *The Union Leader* because right now the people from the revaluation firm are also contacting people in their homes and rather than think oh, they were already here or why are you back again or something like that just to differentiate between the two functions. Thank you.

Mayor Baines stated thank you for your observation.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Baines advised if you desire to remove any of the following items from the Consent Agenda, please so indicate. If none of the items are to be removed, one motion only will be taken at the conclusion of the presentation.

### **REFERRALS TO COMMITTEES**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

##### **A. Resolutions:**

“Amending the FY2005 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of One Hundred Sixty Five Thousand Thirty Nine Dollars (\$165,039) for the 2005 CIP 210305 Public Health Services.”

“Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) from Contingency to Highway Salt – Snow & Ice.”

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### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

#### **COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS, ENROLLMENT AND REVENUE ADMINISTRATION**

**C.** Advising that it has accepted the City’s Monthly Financial Statements for the eight months ended February 28, 2005 submitted by the Finance Department, and is forwarding same to the Board for informational purposes.

**D.** Advising that it has accepted the following Finance Department reports:

- a) department legend;
- b) open invoice report over 90 days by fund;
- c) open invoice report all invoices for interdepartmental billings only;
- d) open invoice report all invoices due from the School Dept.

- only;
  - e) listing of invoices submitted to City Solicitor for legal determination; and
  - f) accounts receivable summary.
- and is forwarding same to the Board for informational purposes.

#### **COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT**

- F.** Recommending that the Board authorize acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$165,039 for the FY2005 CIP 310305 Public Health Services, and for such purpose a resolution and budget authorization has been submitted.
- G.** Recommending that a mortgage granted by Mary Rose Silva to the Manchester Housing Authority, dated March 1, 1982, in the principal amount of \$10,000.00, encumbering property located at 128 Auburn Street, Manchester, New Hampshire be discharged without consideration. Said mortgage being recorded in the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds at Book 2905, Page 506.

#### **COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES/INSURANCE**

- I.** Advising that they have approved the reinstatement of a Traffic Signal Technician position in the Traffic Department.
- J.** Advising that it has approved Ordinance:  
“Amending Sections 33.024, 33.025 & 33.026 (Ski/Aquatics Maintenance Worker) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester.”  
providing for a reclassification of a Recreation Maintenance Worker I (Grade 13) to a Ski/Aquatics Maintenance Worker (Grade 15), and is recommending same be referred to the Committee on Bills on Second Reading for technical review.
- K.** Advising that it has approved Ordinance:  
“Amending Sections 33.024, 33.025 & 33.026 (Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator Trainee) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester.”  
providing for the establishment of a new class specification, WWTP Operator Trainee, and is recommending same be referred to the Committee on Bills on Second Reading for technical review.
- L.** Recommending that it has approved Ordinance:  
“Amending Section 33.026 (WWTP Operator, Laborer & WWTP Shift Supervisor) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester.”  
providing for changes in class specifications, which do not change the title of a position and do not provide for any changes in salary grades of such positions and is forwarding same to the Board for adoption.

#### **COMMITTEE ON JOINT SCHOOL BUILDINGS**

- M.** Advising that they have approved the expenditure of up to \$95,796 for the design portion of the Parker Varney wall design from the School Facilities Improvement Project contingency fund.

**COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC/PUBLIC SAFETY**

- N. Recommending that a request from Robin Bonneau for the use of Arms Park for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual WGIR/FM Memorial Weekend fireworks display on Sunday, May 29, 2005 with a rain day of Monday, May 30, 2005 be granted and approved under the direct supervision of the City Clerk, Fire, Highway, Police, Traffic and Risk Departments.
- O. Recommending that regulations governing standing, stopping, parking and operations of vehicles be adopted and put into effect when duly advertised and posted.

**HAVING READ THE CONSENT AGENDA, ON MOTION OF ALDERMAN**

**O'NEIL, DULY SECONDED BY ALDERMAN DEVRIES, IT WAS VOTED THAT  
THE CONSENT AGENDA BE APPROVED.**

**Report of the Committee on Accounts, Enrollment and Revenue Administration:**

- B. Recommending that a total of \$525,000 be transferred to the Highway Department to cover a deficit in their snow removal budget (\$175,000 from worker's compensation, \$225,000 from salary adjustment account and \$125,000 from contingency), and for such purpose resolutions have been submitted.

Alderman Gatsas stated I guess my question is that we had some discussion about this and my recollection...last year we had conversation in the budget that was going to be...wrong one...my question is that last year we were going through the budget process and I wanted to take \$500,000 out of the Worker's Comp fund and the Finance Officer gave me an answer and maybe he can repeat that answer for me this evening because I understand we're raiding that fund not for a good reason but for an excellent reason but I want to know why it's okay for this project and it wasn't alright for Alderman Gatsas when he wanted to reduce the tax rate. So, maybe I can get an answer.

Mr. Kevin Clougherty, Finance Officer, stated the purpose for which that fund was set up was for Worker's Comp. This is how this is being used. It wasn't to reduce the tax rate. So, the application this year is a normal process. It was a difference of taking money out of the fund to reduce the tax rate as opposed to using the fund for its intended purpose, which is what we're doing this year.

Alderman Gatsas stated Kevin if you're trying to tell me that overtime for a Worker's Compensation fund that sat there for reserves...you're trying to justify to me that that's an applicable situation I don't see where that is.

Mayor Baines stated that was actually Workman's Compensation issue. Mr. Thomas would you please come up.

Alderman Gatsas stated oh that's a claim.

Mayor Baines stated come up and explain because people listening at home are confused and I think quite a number of people up here might be confused. Explain exactly what that request was for, Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Frank Thomas, Public Works Director, stated our budget projection was in the negative \$525,000...a lot of different things went into that shortfall. Part of that was that we were charged a Worker's Comp settlement in our operating budget which was not funded of \$85,000. In addition to that charge the Worker's Compensation line item in my budget under benefits was over \$90,000, so when the Finance Department looked at my shortfall and saw that I had that \$85,000 charge that wasn't funded for Worker's Comp settlement and additional Worker's Comp charges over and above what was allocated in the benefits line item of \$90,000 that totaled above the amount that was taken out of the reserve.

Mayor Baines called upon Mr. Clougherty.

Mr. Kevin Clougherty, Finance Officer, stated I agree. There's legitimate Worker's Comp charges that ordinarily at the end of the year would be attributed to the reserve, so again it's the right application.

Alderman Gatsas stated the rest of the departments in the City that have Worker's Comp allocations...are they under the same scrutiny?

Mr. Clougherty replied yes.

Alderman Gatsas stated so what you're saying is if they've had Worker's Comp claims that have been deducted from their line items in their budget you're going to replace those from this fund.

Mr. Clougherty replied no. What we do, what the Worker's Comp Reserve is we have to budget at the beginning of the year what we estimate the Worker's Comp activity in each respective department based on history...no guarantee that that's what's going to happen but that is what we do because you want to have a vehicle in the form of a line item to make sure that you're charging those expenses to the respective departments so that at the end of the year when you're compiling your numbers for GAAP purposes you can show what the charges are to each department and where they've been incurred. What we do with the Worker's Comp Reserve and the Worker's Comp Fund is at the end of the year there may be some departments that have not used all of their Worker's Comp. There may be some that are less...that's how we do the calculation at the end of the fiscal year. This is no different, that is what we're going to do is follow our normal procedures.

Alderman Lopez moved to accept, receive and adopt the report of the Committee on Accounts, Enrollment and Revenue Administration. Alderman DeVries duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

**Report of the Committee on Administration/Information Systems:**

- E. Recommending that the proposed agreement between the City of Manchester and Manchester Community Access Media, Inc. (MCAM) be approved with the following recommendations:
- 1) that public access from MCTV be transferred to MCAM, effective July 1, 2005;
  - 2) that the Board approve the enclosed agreement between the City and MCAM and further authorize the Mayor to execute same on behalf of the City, subject to the review and approval of the City Solicitor;
  - 3) that \$350,000 be transferred from MCTV (CIP) to MCAM upon execution of such agreement;
  - 4) effective July 1, 2005 transfer of \$120,000 from MCTV's 2006 budget to MCAM (creating a special line item for MCAM); and
  - 5) annual payment to be made to MCAM, Inc. on or before October 31<sup>st</sup> out of the first quarter cable company's revenues based on 20% of the previous four (4) quarters ended June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year this agreement is in force.



Mayor Baines stated before I call upon Alderman Gatsas my recommendation for this and I've talked to a number of Aldermen is that since it is a financial matter, my recommendation would be that it be referred to the budget process and the Finance Committee during the budget process.

Alderman Gatsas moved to the Mayor's recommendation that Item E be referred to the Committee on Finance during budget deliberations. Alderman Lopez duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

**Report of the Committee on Human Resources/Insurance:**

- H.** Recommending that the Board approve the reclassification of two Welfare Specialist II positions, salary grade 18 to Welfare Specialist III positions, salary grade 20.

Alderman Lopez stated I would like to pass this and suspend the rules and referral to the Committee on Bills on Second Reading and approve.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated that item actually does not need to go to the Committee on Bills on Second Reading. The action is accepting the report...because we already have an ordinance for that particular position.

Alderman Lopez moved to accept, receive and adopt the report of the Committee on Human Resources/Insurance. Alderman Garrity duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Shea stated I would like to ask Ginny Lamberton to make a presentation please.

Ms. Virginia Lamberton, Human Resources Director, stated this proposal by the Welfare Commissioner went to the Human Resources/Insurance Committee and the proposal was to reclassify two positions from Welfare Specialist II to Welfare Specialist III's. We did desk audit and we asked a lot of questions and Commissioner Martineau's proposal was not consistent with the job classifications that are in existence nor was it consistent with our point factor system. So, I did discuss this with him, I recommended to him that rather than

taking two employees he was taking an employee who was the receptionist and he was taking a part-time employee and wanting to elevate them to Salary Grade 20...the receptionist he wanted to move up a position because in his absence that person would have the authority to grant more than what their current rules provide for. The individual who is the part-time employee does work part-time and one of her responsibilities which I understands she does very well is she trains new employees as they come into the department. This is a matter of information and in the last three years each year there's been two new employees. I think that everybody that works for the City when a new employee comes into the system somebody has to train that person and people do not get a higher level of classification for doing that. As far as fulfilling the needs of managing the office in the absence of the Commissioner I suggested to Commissioner Martineau that he request of the Board to be authorized to have a Welfare Supervisor at the same labor grade 20. In that class specification it provides for that person to provide leadership and all the other things that he's looking for and that once he received approval for that that he would post that within his department and employee's that were interested in being that person would apply for it and he would select them and then we would have one position that's already grade 20 with an appropriate title of Welfare Supervisor reporting directly to the Commissioner. Obviously, Commissioner Martineau did not agree with that which is why he moved forward to the Board. Another one of his rationales for this reclassification is that since he arrived there the employee's in the Welfare Department have saved the City a considerable amount of money by following the guidelines, he also eliminated...he did not eliminate but he did not fill his Deputy Commissioner position and so, therefore, because of those reasons these two positions and people should receive more money. That is not how a classification system works in the public sector. If that were true I'm sure there's lots of City employees who have saved their department and the City money and they do not get upgraded and the reverse is also true. These same people who are working in the Welfare Department when it went into the deficit they're job were not reclassified downward during that period of time. Classification has to do with the level of duties and responsibilities that are assigned to a position and I would ask the Board either send this back to the Human Resources/Insurance Committee or to authorize a Welfare Supervisor classification.

Alderman Forest stated in reference to this item I know Alderman Shea is the Chairman of the Committee, I'm also on this Committee and I believe it was a 4-to-1 vote to send it up here with a recommendation that this gets accepted.

Mayor Baines stated it was 3-to-2.

Alderman Forest stated okay 3-to-2...and this is a minority report and I don't think anybody asked to have a minority report read here.

Mayor Baines stated all he's asking for was to explain her position, that's all, that was appropriate.

Alderman Forest stated Commissioner Martineau did explain the savings and why he did that and I believe the Committee agreed with him and that's why they sent it up here. I'd like the thing to pass and move the question.

Mayor Baines stated we're going to have some discussion here, I know some people want to discuss it.

Alderman Shea stated Paul Martineau has done an excellent job as Commissioner, no one objects to that. The problem is that part of what you discussed this evening in the year 2000 was the result of different types of promotions that were given and also compensation that was given. We agreed that there would be a certain criteria whereby people within the different departments would be judged according to what level they should be on. If we decide as a committee to change the rules in the middle of where we are in a process then there is no reason why other people then cannot come in and decide that a particular individual within a particular department is doing a better job and, therefore, we should change the classification of that person. We have a system in place...we're starting to change the rules in mid-stream and it isn't a good idea...no reflection on anyone in particular, it's just that we're not following our own criteria and, therefore, when we don't do that we're at the tipping point or we are going to have unintended consequences and,

therefore, our responsibility as an Aldermanic Board is to treat all departments and all individuals within these departments according to the rules that we set up and although there was a 3-to-2 judgment on this nevertheless I did not concur and I would not vote to approve a second supervisor whereas other individuals within that particular area in that department are 20 years, 32 years...this individual is a part-time employee and, therefore, we are reclassifying part-time employees and giving them promotions that I don't think is serving the best interests of our community.

Alderman Guinta stated I believe this person is going from part-time to full-time that at least is in part reasoning for the classification, just as a matter of clarification. But, my statement is this...I find myself in a awkward situation for a couple of reasons. Here we have an opportunity to save money and I appreciate the Commissioner bringing that forward. He's done it year-after-year. I think he's done it in a department that the Mayor says serves the most vulnerable in our community and I think it's a tribute to Paul to show us how we can provide excellent City service at a very minimal cost. I think you and I, Mayor, are in agreement here...I'll tell you why. You have recognized that Yarger Decker needs to be changed and suggested a study. I know it didn't pass committee but your position at least in recent weeks is that we need to be looking at Yarger Decker and how to pay people...that's the very system that is stopping us from allowing a reduction in expenditures to occur. So, I understand what Ginny Lamberton is saying and I think we can work in certain sub sects but I think we need to look at changing it because we have a request in front of us that at the end of the day will save money and still deliver services efficiently. I support the concept of relooking at Yarger Decker and I support what the Commissioner's trying to do.

Alderman Lopez requested to move the question. Alderman Garrity duly seconded the motion. The motion passed with Aldermen Shea and DeVries duly recorded in opposition.

Mayor Baines stated the main motion on the floor is recommending that the Board approve the reclassification of two Welfare Specialist II positions, salary grade 18 to Welfare Specialist III positions, salary grade 20.

A roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Shea and DeVries voted nay. Aldermen Garrity, Smith, Forest, Roy, Gatsas, Guinta, Sysyn, Osborne, Porter, O’Neil and Lopez voted yea. Alderman Thibault was absent. The motion carried.

5. Communication from Harold Sullivan submitting his resignation as a member of the Planning Board, effective May 1, 2005.

On motion of Alderman Forest, duly seconded by Alderman Sysyn, it was voted to accept Mr. Sullivan’s resignation with regrets and requested the Clerk forward a letter of thank you for his service to the Planning Board.

6. Mayor Baines presented the following nominations:

**Building Board of Appeals:**

Frederick Matuszewski to succeed Steve Clayman, term to expire January 8, 2008.  
Dennis Mires to succeed Frederick Matuszewski as an alternate.

On motion of Alderman DeVries, duly seconded by Alderman Sysyn, it was voted to suspend the rules and confirm the nominations as presented.

On motion of Alderman Smith, duly seconded by Alderman Roy, it was voted to recess the regular meeting to allow the Committee on Finance to meet.

Mayor Baines called the meeting back to order.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

9. A report of the Committee on Finance was presented recommending that Resolutions:

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ought to pass and be enrolled.

Alderman Garrity moved to accept, receive and adopt a report of the Committee on Finance.

Alderman DeVries duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Guinta in reference to the \$125,000 and the \$225,000 stated that was the item discussed earlier. How come the money from the Comp Fund is not in there?

Mr. Clougherty replied because it's already established procedure...we do that anyway...that was the point I was making earlier in the discussion yet the Committee report was made up of three items. Two had to be considered by the Finance Committee. Last year Alderman Gatsas wanted to have an amendment that would have appropriated and taken money out of that fund which was not an appropriate use.

Mayor Baines called for a vote on the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

**10. Ordinance:**

“Amending Section 33.026 (WWTP Operator, Laborer & WWTP Shift Supervisor) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester.”

On motion of Alderman Smith, duly seconded by Alderman O’Neil, it was voted that the Ordinance be read by title only, and it was so done.

This Ordinance having had the approval of the Human Resources Committee and the report of the Committee having been accepted, Alderman DeVries moved that the Ordinance pass and be ordained. Alderman O’Neil duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

**11. Bond Resolution:**

“Authorizing Bonds or Notes in the amount of Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000) in continuance of the Manchester Airport Capital Improvement Program.”

On motion of Alderman Garrity, duly seconded by Alderman Roy, it was voted that the Bond Resolution be read by title only, and it was so done.

Alderman Smith moved that the Bond Resolution pass and be enrolled. Alderman Sysyn duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Gatsas asked are these swap agreements? I ask the Finance Officer he has to do the financing.

Mr. Clougherty replied these will be General Revenue Bonds as I understand it. If there is a swap we'll probably use that instrument to look at a refinancing opportunity if it's still there.

Alderman Gatsas stated so you're going to have to come back to this Board, from my understanding, to get approval of that?

Mr. Clougherty replied no, not of the swap, that's already been approved. We have that authorization. Again, special legislation was adopted for the Airport a number of years ago.

Alderman Gatsas stated without a vote of this Board.

Mr. Clougherty stated the authorizations were approved by the Board prior. We already have those authorizations. So, we will not be coming back to seek those authorizations if the market holds and has the ability to do the swap.

Alderman Gatsas asked when did the Board authorize that?

Mr. Clougherty replied I don't have the exact dates in front of me but they've been there for some time.

Mayor Baines stated why don't we get that information and get it communicated to all of the Aldermen.

Mayor Baines called for a vote on the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

**12. Resolutions:**

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On motion of Alderman O’Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Forest, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the Resolutions by title only.

Alderman Garrity moved that the Resolutions pass and be enrolled. Alderman Porter duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

**13. NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Lopez stated I just wanted to comment on the amount of work that a lot of people put in in making sure the signs and parking and everything has been accomplished.

Aldermen received a correspondence from the Mayor and Bill Jabjiniak but I think it’s very important that a lot of questions came up at the Baseball Committee and they were asked to do it and they did an excellent job. I’m sure things will change maybe after but comments from anybody is welcomed especially from the Board of Mayor and Aldermen after we open up on April 7<sup>th</sup>, a great job done.

Mayor Baines stated I appreciate your mentioning that. Staff has been working diligently, Bill has helped coordinate the strategy sessions and I think we’re in a very good position but you never know. We are going to be meeting at 10:00 AM on Friday morning after the opening of the ballpark and the record crowds in downtown and if you do have some input or observations at that time we’d like to hear it and secondly, after you’ve read through the



report and digested it and if you feel we missed something please give Bill a call or if you need something clarified as well. Tom's crew has been out there, Tom has been absolutely terrific in responding to the different requests and the challenges and everybody else involved and all public safety entities as well. So, everybody should be congratulated.

Alderman Porter stated, your Honor, in your budget address you appropriately dubbed Granite Street the Gateway to the City and I would like to bring to your attention the portal of the City from the east side is Candia Road. There is a major construction job going on and I would just like to bring to everybody's attention and invite whoever wants to come to the meeting on Monday, April 4, 2005 at Weston School at 7:00 PM and I'd particularly like to extend an invitation to my friend, George Smith.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Alderman Forest, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk